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ABSTRACT

1. This report summarizes the major air developments in the Wu-han Air District (AD) observed on KEYHOLE (KH) photography from April through September 1974. A table lists the KH photographic coverages of major airfields in the Wu-han AD and the aircraft observed during that period. The report also contains a location map and two photographs.

INTRODUCTION

2. Between April and September 1974 several important air developments were observed at airfields in the Wu-han AD (Figure 1). Table 1 lists all of the major airfields in the AD and the aircraft observed at them on all KH photography from April to September 1974.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

3. A new FARMER regiment was deployed to Cheng-chou Airfield [redacted] [redacted] A total of 68 FARMER were observed [redacted] an increase of 35 aircraft.

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4. A move which was possibly related to the FARMER deployment to Cheng-chou was the probable departure of a FARMER regiment from Ming-chiang Airfield North [redacted] [redacted] none of the previously observed 24 FARMER were at this airfield.

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5. A FRESCO regiment was deployed to Han-kou/Wang-chia-tun Airfield during this same period. [redacted] no FRESCO were seen at this airfield, but [redacted] 19 FAGOT/FRESCO were identified. Subsequent coverage confirmed these aircraft as FRESCO.

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6. A move which was possibly related to the FRESCO deployment to Han-kou/Wang-chia-tun was the departure of a FRESCO regiment from Cheng-chou Airfield [redacted] [redacted] Only 11 of the previously observed 29 FRESCO were at Cheng-chou

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7. A BAT regiment of 20 aircraft was deployed to Chu-chi/Kuan-yin-tang Airfield between [redacted] [redacted] This airfield had previously been under construction. [redacted] in addition to 20 BAT, one CRATE was observed.

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8. In late April 1974 aircraft were also seen at Huang-pei Airfield for the first time. The field was still under construction on the previous photography. [redacted] Three COLT were observed [redacted]

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9. [redacted] two COKE aircraft were seen at Cheng-chou Airfield for the first time. Two CRATE were also observed for the first time [redacted]

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10. Two confirmed BEAGLE aircraft were identified for the first time at Han-kou/Wang-chia-tun Airfield [redacted] The BEAGLE were not present [redacted]

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11. [redacted] three COKE and four CURL aircraft were identified at Kai-feng Airfield for the first time (Figure 3). They were not present [redacted] nor were they observed on partial coverage [redacted] sighting was also the first identification of the CURL in China.

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12. A CUB was newly identified at Han-kou/Wang-chia-tun Airfield [redacted] Partial coverage may have precluded its identification [redacted] One COKE was also seen for the first time [redacted]

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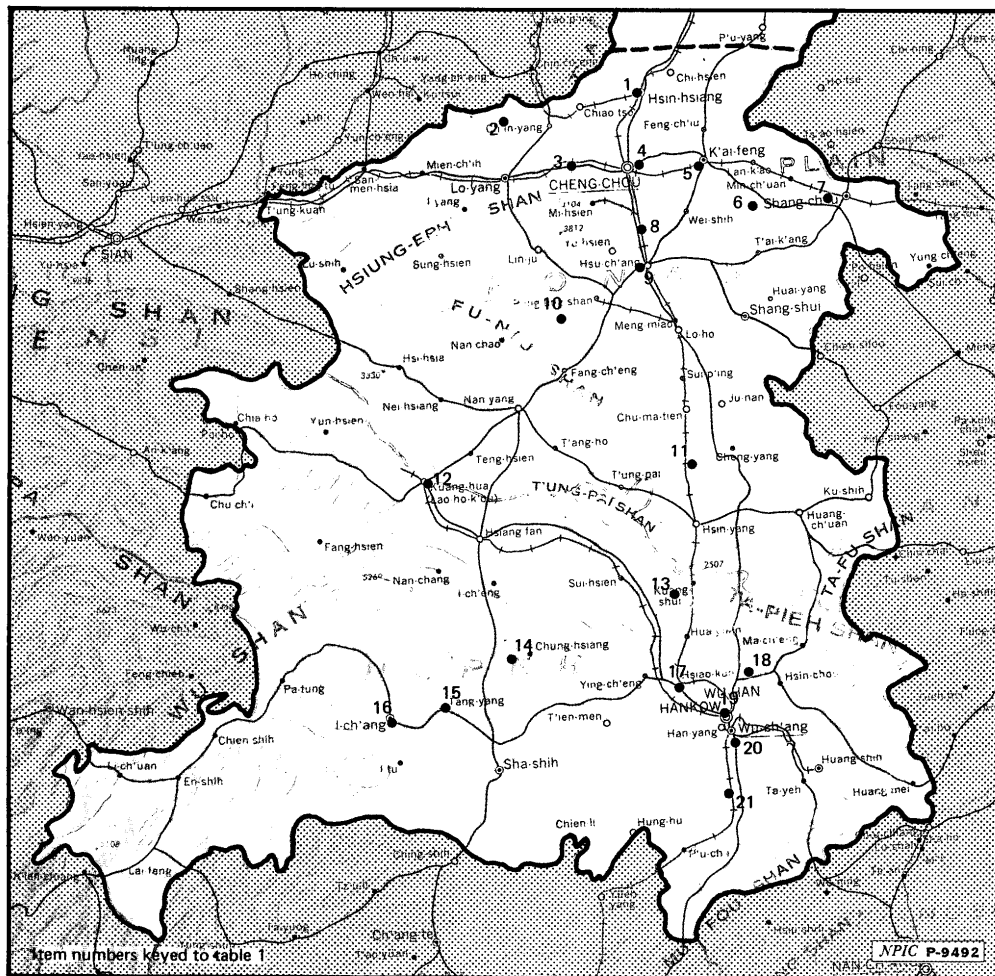


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF MAJOR AIRFIELDS, WU-HAN AIR DISTRICT, CHINA

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Table 1. Activity at Major Airfields in Wuhan Air District, China.

(Item numbers keyed to Figure 1)*

Item No	Installation Name, BE, and Coordinates	2 HOOK 29 prop helicopters (Partial coverage, heavy haze)	40 HOUND 2 COLT	35 HOUND 2 COLT	Cloud covered	50 HOUND 1 HOOK 2 COLT	Cloud covered	Cloud covered	Cloud covered
1	Hsin-hsiang Heliport 35-17-36N 113-50-27E								
2	Chi-sien Airfield 35-07-58N 112-37-35E	None (Partial coverage, heavy clouds)	None			None (Partial coverage)			
3	Jung-yang Airfield West 34-50-26N 113-18-25E	20 prop HOUND (Haze)	31 HOUND						
4	Cheng-chou Airfield 34-46-31N 113-43-30E	68 FARMER 11 FRESCO 2 FOGOT 2 CRATE 1 CAB	84 FARMER 11 FRESCO 5 FOGOT 2 CRATE 1 CAB						
5	Kai-fang Airfield 34-45-12N 114-20-23E	20 C-46 3 COLT 1 prop H/C	12 C-46 1 COLT	8 C-46 (Partial coverage, heavy clouds)		20 C-46 1 CUB 1 CRATE	19 C-46 1 COLT (Partial coverage)		21 C-46 1 CUB 4 DURL 3 CRATE
6	Tung-hsu SW Highway Strip 34-26-56N 114-21-21E	None	None						
7	Chueh-shi/Kaanyin-tang Airfield 34-26-55N 115-27-20E	20 BAT 1 CRATE	20 BAT						
8	Chang-ko Airfield 34-12-20N 113-48-10E	45 MAX/MOOSE	51 MAX/MOOSE						
9	He-chang Airfield 34-01-22N 113-42-27E	36 MAX/MOOSE	35 MAX/MOOSE	Cloud covered					
10	Jung-ho-chien Airfield 33-40-58N 112-53-25E	Cloud covered	20 BAT 2 COLT 2 C-46 1 prop C-46	Cloud covered	23 BAT 2 COLT 2 C-46 1 C-46 fuselage	7 BAT 2 COLT 1 C-46 1 C-46 fuselage (Partial coverage)			
11	Ming-chang Airfield North 33-33-12N 114-04-45E	22 BEAGLE 4 COLT							
12	Kuang-hua Airfield 32-23-23N 111-41-47E	Extreme obliquity precludes aircraft count				7 F FRESCO 35 FOGOT 12 MAX/ MOOSE	9 FRESCO 36 FOGOT 6 MAX 4 MOOSE 2 CCB		
13	Ying-shan Airfield North 31-39-35N 113-49-03E	None (Partial coverage)					None (Partial coverage)		
14	Wu-chi-chih Airfield 31-06-15N 112-24-12E	19 FARMER 3 FRESCO							
15	Tung-yang Airfield 30-47-58N 111-48-49E	18 FRESCO 7 CUB 11 CRATE 9 CAB					18 FRESCO 7 CUB 7 CRATE 8 CAB 6 COACH 1 C-46 4 COLT 1 HOUND 13 CRATE		
16	I-chang/Tumen-wu Airfield 30-40-19N 111-26-42E	13 CRATE 1 CAB							
17	Hsiao-kun Airfield 30-57-21N 113-54-45E	41 COLT 3 HOUND			41 COLT				
18	Hsiao-kun Airfield 30-54-01N 114-30-29E	3 COLT			None				
19	Wu-chang/Nan-hu Airfield 30-30-23N 114-18-34E	1 CAB	1 CRATE 1 CAB 3 COLT				1 CAB	2 CRATE 2 CAB 4 COLT	1 CRATE 1 CAB (Partial coverage)
20	Hsin-kou/Wang-chia-tun Airfield 30-35-55N 114-14-28E	19 FOGOT/FRESCO 2 CRATE 16 COLT 1 HOOK 7 HOUND	14 FRESCO 1 FOGOT 10 COLT 2 HOOK 3 HOUND				2 BEAGLE 20 FRESCO 10 COLT 3 HOUND (Partial coverage)	19 FRESCO 1 CUB 1 COKE 1 CAB 10 COLT 2 HOOK 4 HOUND	Cloud covered
21	Shao-kuo Airfield 30-05-17N 114-18-02E	18 FARMER 20 small swept-wing 1 COLT			29 FARMER (4 poss) 9 FRESCO (3 poss) 3 FOGOT 1 CRATE 1 COLT			23 FARMER 14 FRESCO 16 FOGOT 1 M/DGET 1 COLT	

*The table lists all KH coverages of the major airfields in the Wuhan AD. If no data is shown for a particular airfield and date, the airfield was not photographed.

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